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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jacobs et al.
Serial No. : 09/837,998 Examiner : Guzo, D.
Filed : April 19, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1636
For : VIRAL VECTORS HAVING REDUCED VIRULENCE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated April 12, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a (i) a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE), (ii) a Request for Suspension of Action, and (iii) a Petition to Extend Time for a period of three months, up to and including October 12, 2002, together with the required fee for a small entity.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice.

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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2002. Applicants previously replied to the final Office Action on September 12, 2002 but the Response